



# MADISON *Indiana*

## Common Council Minutes

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 5:30 PM \*rescheduled due to Election Day

**MEETING PLACE:** City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250

The Common Council of the City of Madison, Indiana met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250.

Mayor Bob Courtney opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Present:** Wilber, Schafer, Krebs, Thevenow, Storm, and Dattilo were present. Bartlett was absent from the meeting (6-1).

**Minutes:** Krebs moved to approve the October 22, 2024, seconded by Schafer. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**Presentation of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, introduction of motion & guests:** None.

**Resolutions or bills: Resolution 2024-10C: Transferring Certain Funds:** *As circumstances have developed since the 2024 annual budget adoption, it is now necessary to transfer certain funds among their original appropriations, which does not increase the annual budget.* **Motion:** Wilber moved to approve Resolution 2024-10C, seconded by Thevenow. **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow - Y, Krebs - Y, Dattilo - Y, Schafer - Y, Storm - Y, Wilber - Y. All in favor, ordinance passes (6-0).

**Ordinance 2024-14: Stormwater & Post Construction Stormwater Regulations (Sp. Krebs):** *Replaces existing ordinances to comply with the new IDEM MS4 General Permit requirements. Establishes stormwater quality and quantity best practices and compliance procedures*

**Ordinance 2024-15: Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds:** *Implements the capital funding strategies for road improvements as adopted in the 2025 budget. Authorizes up to \$1,750,000.00 bond repaid over ten years at an interest rate not to exceed 6%.*

**Reports, recommendations, and other business from standing/select committees of City Council:** None.

**Report of city officials: MPD Chief of Police - Shawn Scudder:** Chief Scudder provided an update on current department initiatives and upcoming goals. Key projects include performance reviews and goal setting for captains and their teams, expanding mental health support plans, and policy and procedural updates through Lexipol trainings. He highlighted recent acquisitions, such as Axon body cameras, Toughbook laptops for officers, work cellphones, and new patrol SUVs, which are awaiting redesigned decals. Chief Scudder also presented recent statistics on call responses and traffic enforcement. Looking ahead to 2025, the department aims to strengthen officer development, including leadership courses and field officer training programs, and to prepare for the next generation of leaders. Plans also include building a new training facility, focusing on recruitment and retention, enhancing data collection, and boosting community engagement.

**Director of Streets, Facilities, and Solid Waste - Chris Hale:** Chris provided an update on the roll-out of approximately 5,000 new trash cans, emphasizing that community members should not paint or write on them since each can is molded with a unique serial number for tracking. Residents were reminded to bag their trash, ensure it fits neatly inside the can, and position the handle facing the road for efficient tipper truck access. If an orange sticker appears on a trash can and the reason is unclear, residents should contact City Hall for clarification. The trash department is currently evaluating routes, which have not been updated in years, to identify more

efficient options, and any changes will be communicated to the community. Leaf pickup has also begun in both the hilltop and downtown areas. Residents with questions about trash collection or other street department issues are encouraged to call City Hall.

**Bills on second reading:** None.

**Miscellaneous:** None.

**Public comment:** None.

**Mayor's comments:** Yesterday's election was a success from a process standpoint, with gratitude extended to everyone on the ballot and those who worked at polling locations. The John Menke Award will be presented at the next council meeting. Veterans Day celebrations are scheduled for this weekend and throughout the week. Tomorrow at 11:30 a.m., there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Ohio River Legacy Park. The Holiday Open House on Main Street kicks off this Friday. A special acknowledgment goes to the Port Authority for securing a \$5.4 million grant to replace the last 1888 steel truss bridge, and the Tree Board for obtaining a grant to plant additional trees in various areas.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 19, 2024, @ 5:30 pm.

**Adjourn:** Krebs moved to adjourn, seconded by Schafer. All in favor (6-0).

Attested:



Mayor



President Pro Tempore



Shirley Rynearson, Clerk-Treasurer

